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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Francisco Parra

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Examiner Joseph C. Merek

Group Art Unit: 3727

Process for the Manufacture of an

Easy Open Device for "Flow Pack" or Similar Packages with Longitudinal

Seams, etc.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the restriction requirement of June 25, 2003, applicant elects Group I and claims 1-10 for further prosecution in this application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on non-elected claims 11-17.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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